principles have been agreed upon after holding five meetings. Up to now, there have been 12 meetings between the two special representatives; the last one was in September, 2008, in Beijing. This is going on. It is taking time. As the hon. Member wanted to know why it is happening, there are different perceptions about the entire area, the Middle Sector, Eastern Sector, Western Sector. We consider that these are our areas and they consider that these are their areas. Therefore, in 2000, my distinguished predecessor, Shri Jaswant Singh, suggested that let us exchange maps delineating our perceptions in the map itself. Progress is not very bright, but there has been some improvement in the Middle Sector. Maps have been exchanged and the areas of dispute have been identified. In the Eastern Sector and in the Western Sector, these exchanges are yet to take place. As has been mentioned in the text of my reply that whenever these transgressions take place, there is an established mechanism where we take up these issues and we try to rectify.

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Sir, according to reports, China can now mobilise forces on the Tibetan borders within weeks. That is because of huge overhaul in terms of infrastructure on the Chinese side. But, unfortunately, Sir, the same has not happened and India has not kept pace. In fact, when the Prime Minister visited Arunachal, he also made a commitment of improving the highways and having an airport, Sir, the lack of border infrastructure can hamper any future troop mobility. I would like to ask from the hon. Minister what specific plans do we have on these projects which are aimed at improving the infrastructure and connectivity along the Sino-Indian: border?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, it is true that the infrastructural facilities available on that side of the border are much improved compared to that of ours. To rectify it, it has been decided that 13 operational roads will be constructed on a priority basis. These are expected to be completed by 2012. In addition to that, from Tai Wang onwards, trans-Arunachal highway will be constructed. In respect of the airports, a number of places, including some places which are closer to border – the entire area is the border, but closer to border – including, Pasighat and certain other places, have been identified and the progress is going on. In addition to those certain operational roads, the Ministry of Home, the Department of Surface Transport and also the Border Roads Organisation and the Ministry of Defence are also engaged in construction of some roads, and we are giving priority to it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Hotel accommodation for Commonwealth Games

*81. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the exact position regarding availability of approved rooms in both star and budget category hotels in Delhi as against reported demand of 50,000 approved rooms, keeping in view the 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) whether DDA has sent any proposal to his Ministry to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of all existing as well as upcoming hotels in the city;

(c) if so, whether DDA's proposal has been approved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Presently, there are about 11,000 rooms under all categories of approved/classified hotels in the National Capital Region (NCR). The Ministry of Tourism has estimated a requirement of additional 30,000 rooms under all categories for the Commonwealth Games (CWG), Delhi in 2010. Further, in order to augment hotel rooms for CWG 2010, new hotel projects in the NCR are under implementation. The Ministry of Tourism has informed that the Task Force set up for this purpose has assessed that 14,264 rooms are going to be added for CWG 2010. It is further expected that additional rooms will be available under the Bed & Breakfast Scheme launched recently by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi & due to liberalization of Guest House Norms. Recently amendment to the Master Plan for Delhi (MPD 2021) liberalizing the development control norms for hotels is also expected to facilitate creation of additional rooms.

(b) to (d) Based on the proposal received from DDA, Government has issued Notification modifying the Development Control Norms in hotels in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi on 12.8.2008.

Sharing of information on terror cases

*82. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have decided to share information on terror cases;

(b) if so, whether he, recently had a telephonic conversation with his Pakistani counterpart to seek revival of the bilateral dialogue;

(c) whether during his visit, both Governments have agreed to fight terror together;

(d) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been worked out;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what extent both the countries have drawn up a plan of joint action against terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (f) We have regularly raised our concerns related to terrorism in Foreign Secretary and the Home Secretary level talks in the four rounds of the Composite Dialogue with Pakistan as also at Ministerial and Head of Government level meetings. A Joint Anti Terror Mechanism was established in November 2006 by India and Pakistan to identify and implement counter-terrorism initiatives and investigations. Three meetings of the Joint Anti Terror Mechanism have been held in March 2007, October 2007 and June 2008.

Issues related to terrorism in the recent past including the suicide bomb attack outside our Embassy in Kabul on 7th July, 2008 has initiated the atmosphere between India and Pakistan and brought the Composite Dialogue process itself under stress.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan had telephoned the External Affairs Minister on 20th July 2008 to condemn the attack on Indian Embassy in Kabul. During the conversation, EAM expressed our